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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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American Embassy, Saigon
May 13, 1955

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO

Dear Allen:

As I am about to wind up my job here in Saigon I want to express to you my keen appreciation for the assistance given to me by your fine organization and by your representatives in Vietnam. Not only have you personally been most cooperative in meeting every wish I have expressed, but the other members of your staff and your officers here have been wholeheartedly cooperative.

I have appreciated the fine manner in which you have received the suggestions that I have offered which I thought might better the service which can be rendered by the Central Intelligence Agency to the Ambassador in Vietnam. I have been particularly pleased with your willingness to furnish special assistants who could aid in spot evaluations of the many divergent reports which we have received dealing with the terribly difficult and complicated situation here.

I have been very favorably impressed by John Anderton. He has taken hold in an admirable fashion and has already made a few changes in local procedures which I feel sure will be helpful. With his cooperation I now receive daily an intelligence summary [redacted] I have charged him with the preparation of the Military-Security Section of the WEEKA, and also the preparation of the weekly summary of security conditions in Vietnam called for by Deptel 2250.

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The situation here has greatly improved, but has by no means been finally stabilized. Much difficult work still lies ahead, and I am sure your organization can and will make a fine contribution to the support of U.S. policy here.

With warmest personal regards and again many many thanks.

Gratefully yours,

J. Lawton Collins
Special Representative
of the United States in Vietnam

Mr. Allen W. Dulles,
Director,
Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington, D. C.

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